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To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Conference and Support Services

Subject: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE: 1997 FLAG SERIES STAMPS, STATIONERY AND DEFINITIVE STAMPS

Flag Series

1. On Wednesday, 12 February 1997, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue the eleventh group of stamps in the Flag Series. The eight stamps in this group were adapted as stamps by Oliver Corwin (United States of America) and Robert Stein, a United Nations staff member. The concept and the sheet design for the Flag Series were developed by Ole Hamann (Denmark). As previously, the sheets of 16 stamps will accommodate four different flags, each in blocks of four. There will be two new sheets for this issue.

Definitive stamps

2. On 12 February 1997, UNPA will issue six new definitive stamps. The stamps, in denominations of $0.08, $0.55, SwF 0,10, SwF 1,10, S 5 and S 6, will be issued to meet current and make-up postage rates.

(United States equivalents - SwF 0,10: $0.08; SwF 1,10: $0.85; S 5: $0.46; and S 6: $0.56 - subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

US$ 0.08

Photograph by
Lois Conner
(United Nations)

SwF 0,10

Photograph by
Unmesh
(United Nations)

S 5

Detail from
Hoo-o Raigi by
Sagenji Yoshida (Japan)

US$ 0.55

Photograph by
Unmesh
(United Nations)

SwF 1,10

Detail from fresco
by Massimo Campigli
(Italy)

S 6

Detail from
Hoo-o Raigi by
Sagenji Yoshida (Japan)

Stationery

3. UNPA will issue two new 32-cent pre-stamped envelopes on 12 February to meet revised postal rates. The envelopes each feature a mural titled "Cripticandina", by Alfredo La Placa (Bolivia). The mural was presented to the United Nations on 29 September 1995 by the Government of Bolivia. The mural was photographed for the envelopes by Andrea Brizzi (Italy).

General information

4. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets ONLY.

5. Members of delegations and the staff may obtain the new stamps, postal stationery and first-day covers on Wednesday, 12 February 1997, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.;

(c) The counter outside the cafeteria in the DC1 building from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

6. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at the following temporary United States Postal Service substations:

(a) The counter outside the United Nations Bookstore in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter along the west wall of the north end of the Secretariat North Lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

7. Staff members are encouraged to use United Nations stamps on their personal mail. By doing so, these miniature messengers of peace can educate unseen thousands of people to the activities and goals of the United Nations.

8. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at the United Nations Web server (http://www.un.org) under the "Publications and Sales" icon.